

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
BECKLEY DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

DONALD L. BLANKENSHIP

Criminal No. 5:14-cr-00244

**DEFENSE MOTION NO. 1
MOTION TO DISQUALIFY THIS COURT AND ALL THE JUDGES
OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

Donald L. Blankenship, through undersigned counsel, hereby moves this Court to disqualify itself, and all the other judges on the Southern District of West Virginia, and to refer this case to the chief judge of the Fourth Circuit to designate another district judge of the circuit to preside. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 292(b). The factual and legal bases for this Motion are set forth in the accompanying Memorandum.

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Respectfully submitted,

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